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Allowed Claims: 1-2, 4-18, 20

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Jacobs on May 10, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. Claim 4, line 1, change "according to Claim 3," to --according to Claim 1--;
2. Claim 16, line 1, change "according claim 3," to --according to claim 1--;
3. Claim 17, line 1, change "according claim 4" to --according to claim 4--;
4. Cancel claim 19.

Examiner's Comments

For applicant's information, claim 17 has been amended above to overcome a minor typographical error as shown above.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments see Remarks, filed April 30, 2010, with respect to claims 1-2, 5-18, and 20 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The Examiner's basis for allowability of independent claims 1 and 9, as amended, is the same as those set forth within the Response filed April 30, 2010, specifically pages 9-11. The rejection of claims 1-2, 5-18, and 20 has been withdrawn.

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Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JESSICA T. STULTZ whose telephone number is (571)272-2339. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Mack can be reached on 571-272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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